

PROGRAMME OF THE SHANGHAI SPRING RACE MEETING.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY.
1ST, 2ND AND 3RD MAY, 1888.

Stewards—J. M. Ringer, Esq.; W. Howie, Esq.; A. McLeod, Esq.; Jno. MacGregor, Esq.; O. Schuffenhauer, Esq.; H. E. Hobson, Esq.; L. Suddler, Esq. Clerk of the Course—E. H. Gore-Booth, Esq. Secretary—Barnes Dallas Esq.

FIRST DAY.—TUESDAY, 1ST MAY.

The HART LEGACY CUP, presented by the late James Hart, value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Half-a-Mile.

The CRITERION STAKES, a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, with Tls. 100 added; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Second Pony to save his stake. One Mile.

The GRIFFIN PLATE, value, Tls. 250; for China Ponies that have never run at any Meeting; Second Pony, Tls. 50; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Three Quarters of a Mile.

The CATHAY CUP, value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Grifins at the date of entry allowed 7 lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and a Half.

The JOCKEY CUP, value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies that have never won a Race; to be ridden by jockeys who have never had a winning mount before this Meeting; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One Round.

The KIANGSU PLATE, value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. On Mile and Three-Quarters.

The RACING STAKES, a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; for China Ponies that have never run before 1st January, 1888; Grifins at date of entry allowed 5 lbs.; weight for inches as per scale; winners 5 lbs. extra. One Mile and a Quarter.

The ROADSTERS' PLATE, value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies (without restriction to height) not otherwise entered at this Meeting, and that have never won a Race; weight, 12 lb.; entrance, Tls. 5. One Round.

SECOND DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY.

The CHU-KA-ZA CUP, value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one Race since 1st October, 1887, 7 lbs. extra; two or more Races, 10 lbs. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Half-a-Mile.

The SHANGHAI DERBY, a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, with Tls. 100 added; for China Ponies being bona fide Grifins at date of entry; first Pony to receive 75 per cent; second Pony, 15 per cent; third Pony, 10 per cent; weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a Half.

The LADIES' PURSE, value, —; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and a Quarter.

The RACE CLUB CUP, value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners at this Meeting of a Race of one mile or under, to carry 5 lbs. extra; over a mile, 7 lbs. extra; penalties accumulative up to 10 lbs; entrance, Tls. 5. Two Miles.

The CONCORDIA CUP, value, Tls. —; presented by Members of the Club Concordia added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; second Pony to receive 40 per cent, and the third Pony, 10 per cent, of the Stakes; for China Ponies, bona fide Grifins at date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Derby, 7 lbs. extra. One Mile and a Half.

The SPRING CUP, value, Tls. 100, added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, less Tls. 50 to the second Pony; for China Ponies that have never won a Race; weight, 11 st. for 13 hands; to give or take 6 lbs. for every inch over or under. One Mile.

The SHANGHAI STAKES, a forced entry of Tls. 5 for all Ponies, except those entered in the Roadsters' Plate; first Pony to receive 75 per cent; second Pony, 15 per cent; third Pony, 10 per cent. Weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a Half.

The TAO-TAI'S CUP, value, Tls. —; presented by H. E. the Tao-tai, for China Ponies; weight, 12 st. Winners at this Meeting 5 lb. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile.

THIRD DAY.—THURSDAY, 3RD MAY.

The LAH-DE-DAH CUP, value, Tls. 200; presented, added, to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; second Pony to receive 30 per cent, and the third Pony 10 per cent of the Stakes; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Grifins at date of entry allowed 7 lb. Winners, 7 lb. extra. One Mile and a Half.

The GREAT NORTHERN PLATE, value, Tls. 100; for ponies that have run at this Meeting; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this Meeting under a mile, 7 lb. extra; two such races, 10 lb. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Seven Furlongs.

The MANCHU STAKES, value Tls. 100; for China Ponies, bona fide Grifins at date of entry, that have run and not won a race; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and a Quarter.

The CHAU-SHANG-KIUK CUP, value, Tls. —; presented by the Directors and Employers of the C. M. S. N. Co.; for China Ponies that have never run at any Meeting in China or Hongkong previous to date of entry at each Meeting; to be ridden by jockeys, the bona fide property of the same owner or owners; weight for inches as per scale; Entrance, Tls. 10; 80 per cent of the Entrance fees to go to the Winner until the Cup is won, when the second Pony shall receive same; the remaining 20 per cent to be allowed to accumulate, and the accumulation in excess of Tls. 500 to be retained for a new Cup to be paid to the Winner. One Mile.

The YANTZSE STAKES, value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winner of a Race of two Miles or over, 5 lbs. extra; Entrance, Tls. 5. Two Miles and a Half.

The CONSOLATION CUP, value, Tls. 100; for Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race; weight for inches as per scale; Entrance, Tls. 5. Once Round.

The CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES, a forced entry for and open only to Winners at this Meeting; optional for the Winners of the Consolation Cup and the Roadsters' Plate, not exceeding 14 hands 3 inches in height, weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 10; winners of two Races, Tls. 15 extra; of more than two Races Tls. 40 extra. One Mile and a Quarter.

The GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of a Steeplechase at any previous Meeting in Shanghai, 5 lb. extra. Non-Winners of a Steeplechase allowed 5 lb. entrance. To be Twice Round. A Course selected by the Stewards.

Entrance close on Saturday, 4th April, 1888.

AMERICAN TELEGRAMS.

BERLIN, February 18th.

Prince Bismarck has obtained from Count Shouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador here, a definite declaration of the Czar's demands with reference to Bulgaria. No secret is made of the exact character of the proposals, nor of the official opinion that they will be summarily rejected. The Czar asks a substantial recognition of the rights of Russia to control Bulgaria and Roumania. Prince Ferdinand and the Souban are to be wiped out, and a Russian Commissioner, with a Turkish colleague, is to reorganize the Government and army, and control the election for a new Souban. Russia further claims the right to occupy the principality until the Czar deems it proper to withdraw his troops. The impossible nature of these demands aggravates the situation. It is reported that Prince Bismarck has advised Count Shouvaloff to urge the Russian Government to refrain from officially presenting them to Austria, on the ground that they would certainly meet with peremptory rejection without discussion.

The military preparations of Austria and Germany now approach a condition of readiness. As an adjunct to the treaty of alliance a plan has been agreed upon for the co-operation of the allied forces. When the campaign opens there will be three armies in the field, one consisting of the First or East Prussian Corps, the Fourth or West Prussian Corps, the Fifth or Posen Corps, and the Sixth or Silesian Corps, and will be under the command of Prince William. The second army, led by the King of Saxony, will consist of the Saxon contingent and the Austrian troops stationed in Galicia and Bohemia. The third army, under Archduke Albert of Austria, will be composed of the bulk of the Hungarian and Austrian troops.

If France enters the field this plan will be modified, but the German and Italian armies mobilized, are relied on to dispose of the French. The acceleration of Italian naval preparations is due to urgent representations from Berlin, and details supplied to the War Office confirms the reports of intense activity in Italian arsenals. The German officers who were sent to assist in the preparations, report favorably on the concentration of the Italian naval forces at three centers, Messina, Taranto and Maddalena. On the Island of Maddalena, which is off the north-east coast of Sardinia, a new arsenal has been established. The heaviest Krupp guns are being mounted at these points. Extensive fort works are constructed at Maddalena which is designed to be the rendezvous of the fleet operating against the coast of France.

LONDON, February 18th.

Much uneasiness prevails in political circles. Colonel Ponsonby, the Queen's private secretary, has recently paid several visits to Lord Salisbury and W. H. Smith, the Government leader in the House of Commons. Such visits are unusual except when a crisis is imminent. After the Cabinet Council to-day, Balfour, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, walked to the Irish Office. He was evidently greatly excited. Although the weather was bitterly cold he was hatless and walked with his hands clasped to his head. He was followed by detectives.

DUBLIN, February 21st.

Parnell has refused to accept Gill's resignation of his seat in the House of Commons, for Lime-lick City, but will allow him a special cedula to enable him to attend to his private business. Evictions are proceeding at Glenghly, County Kerry.

The Emperor last evening attended the performance of "Don Juan," which was given by royal command. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Mozart monument fund, now being raised at Vienna.

CLYDE, February 21st.

Ship-owners held a meeting to-day to discuss the business outlook. It was shown that a gloomy view of ship-building prospects was generally held. Allan predicted a total collapse before the year was ended.

LONDON, February 21st.

A dispatch from Vienna says: Count Kalnoky, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has accepted Russia's overtures for the settlement of the Bulgarian question. He trusts that Italy and England will follow suit.

In the Commons this evening, Bradlaugh made a personal explanation regarding the correspondence in which Lord Salisbury appeared to charge him with corruption and perjury. He said Salisbury's solicitor denied his responsibility, that the Government refused to grant a committee of inquiry, and he hoped the House would allow no further responsibility to rest upon him.

Cameron (Radical), in the debate on the address, moved the adoption of the amendment censuring the absence from the Queen's speech of all reference to the distress prevailing in the Highlands of Scotland.

The Government Speaker contended that the Crofters Districts were overpopulated, and that relief ought to be sought in immigration.

The Belgian Government has secured for about 100,000 francs the collection of modern pictures formed by the late M. Van Praet, the statesman and historian. It comprises some of the best works of Millet, Troyon, Rousseau, K. Corst and Delacroix. The collection will soon be put in the Brussels Museum, in a special room. A Paris dealer offered 160,000 francs for the lot, but the heirs were patriotic enough to sell to their own Government at a less price.

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Ferguson, Under Foreign Secretary, said no engagement had been entered into either with Italy or any other power, that was not known to Parliament.

Gladstone said he heard with extreme satisfaction the assurance that the Government had conducted a policy of harmony with France. He was content with the declaration just obtained. He earnestly hoped that, whatever happened in Europe, the unity of sentiment of all parties on the foreign policy would be obtained, thus doubling the moral force of England and immensely increasing her power when constrained to interfere.

W. H. Smith congratulated the House on the tone of Gladstone, and said there was not the slightest ground for thinking anything had been done to trench upon the existing harmony with France.

The amendment was withdrawn.

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The Exchequer Court has set aside the sentence of two months' imprisonment passed by the Criminal Court in the case of Walsh, editor of the *Wexford People*, on the ground of irregular publication of the notices forbidding meetings of suppressed branches of the National League.

LIABILITIES OF DIRECTORS, MANAGERS AND AUDITORS OF PUBLIC COMPANIES.

The following cutting from the London *Standard* of 7th February last, may be of interest to the Directors, Managers and Auditors of local companies:—

"It is well-settled law that Directors are personally liable to refund dividends paid to shareholders where these dividends are not paid out of profits. By the decision in the Leeds Estate Building and Investment Company, Limited, (reported in the *Law Times* of Jan. 21), this liability has been extended to the manager of the Company who prepared the balance-sheet, and to the auditor who certified it. The Statute of Limitations will apply in an action against the auditor, but not against the Director or manager. A director in this case has been found personally liable to refund the dividends paid to the shareholders for two separate years, as to which the Statute of Limitations did not apply. His fee was at first five guineas, subsequently increased to seven guineas, and ultimately to twelve guineas. The certificates he gave were in the following form:— 'I certify that I have examined the above accounts, and find them to be a true copy of those shown in the books of the Company. This decision will, no doubt, make managers or accountants of Companies and their auditors more careful in future. Some auditors have been of opinion that if they only gave a certificate similar to the above they escaped liability. This decision will dispel that idea. It has caused considerable stir among professional auditors, more especially as it is stated other actions are pending. In one of these it is alleged that leases were entered in the balance-sheet at cost, but that these leases, if properly valued, were not worth the cost; that a sufficient allowance had not been made for bad and doubtful debts; that goods manufactured by the Company, and consigned to agents for sale, had been valued at the price the agents would pay for them when sold, instead of at the cost of manufacture; that the price paid by the Company for trade marks, goodwill, and patents was excessive, and that a sufficient depreciation on this price had not been debited to profit and loss. It seems these allegations can be proved, it would appear that not only the Directors, but also the manager and the auditors, will have to refund the dividends paid."

NEWCHWANG.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
23rd March, 1888.

The last mail "overland" will probably leave to-day for Tientsin, whence it may be despatched by steamer to the south. There will be no chance to write afterwards till possibly the beginning of April, for even if the ice breaks up about the usual time (St. Patrick's day) there may not be any steamer ready for cargo before the 25th instant, or later. It will be an advantage if there be at least one more courier to Tientsin so that we may avail ourselves of the steamer opportunities between Shanghai, Europe etc. The last courier inward will get late Saturday, 10th instant, and we hope to get late news, as perhaps Tientsin will then be open.

According to Chinese calculation spring commenced on 22nd day 12th month (3rd February). For two or three days afterwards the weather was comparatively mild, but after that very short spell of spring the coldest and most unpleasant three weeks were experienced of the whole winter, the thermometer going down to 8 degrees below zero, Fahr., that is, 40 degrees of frost, with strong winds and heavy falls of snow. The ice is said to be at least three feet thick in the river, but a few days of such weather usually occur in March, will soon put an end to the traffic by carts. In the early part of the cold season much snow is said to have fallen in Mongolia, and myriads of sand and grouse were driven to these plains which remained open to them till lately. Sportsmen have made big bags, and natives have snared large quantities—so that the delicate bird has been easily obtained—perhaps not quite so cheaply though, as some years ago, when game was as cheap as eggs, and could be bought at 100 per Mexican dollar.

The distress in the interior has not been so great as the last two winters, the crops having been on a splendid scale last harvest. Still we hear of bands of robbers that have to be continually fought by the "braves" who occasionally get the worst of it. Several tigers have been brought down—and are to be seen in the native town. One of them is a very handsome beast with a splendid head. The value of a tiger we learn is from Tls. 150 to Tls. 250, the bones and other parts of the animal being prized as medicine, good skin, and much more valuable than formerly, and very large skins are scarcely ever seen now.

The roads have been very good nearly all the winter and great numbers of carts have brought peas, oil and all kinds of produce from the country. Opium (native) has reached Moukden, in such quantity it is said, that it quite interferes with the ordinary financial operations of traders. There is already much more prepared opium for sale at very much lower rates than the Indian drug, and can be consumed for the year. Possibly some of it may have been exported. What an answer to the accusation that opium has been forced upon the Chinese at the cannon's mouth!—*N. C. Daily News.*

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

25th March, 1888.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Latitude	Longitude	Temperature	Humidity	Direction	Force	Weather	Barometer
Wanhsien	36.41	121.11	24	—	—	—	—	—
Takao	35.91	120.51	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	32.71	128.21	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	31.21	121.51	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	24.41	118.11	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	30.61	114.11	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	22.31	114.11	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	23.51	115.51	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	14.61	121.01	—	—	—	—	—	—

26th March, 1888.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Latitude	Longitude	Temperature	Humidity	Direction	Force	Weather	Barometer
Wanhsien	36.41	121.11	20	—	—	—	—	—
Takao	35.91	120.51	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	32.71	128.21	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	31.21	121.51	—	—	—	—	—	—
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The barometer has fallen slightly in the south west, and risen elsewhere. Gradients are steep for east-south-east winds. Cloudy, warm and damp weather prevails.
—Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths. —Temperature in the shade in degrees, Fahrenheit. —Humidity in percentage of saturation, the humidity of saturated air being 100. —Direction of the wind in two points. —Force of the wind according to Beaufort's scale. —State of the weather. —Blue sky, detached clouds, a drizzling rain, a few clouds, a haze, light rain, a shower, a passing shower, a squall, a rain, a snow, thunder, a visibility, no dew with. —Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths. —W. Downcast.
—Hongkong Observatory, 26th March, 1888.

To-day's Advertisements.

CATHAY CHAPTER.
No. 1165.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above Chapter will be held in FREEMANSON'S HALL, Zeland Street, THIS EVENING, the 26th inst., at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1888. [322]

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, SINGAPORE AND BANGKOK.

THE Company's Steamship

"PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO,"

Captain A. Benson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1888. [343]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"

Allison, Commander, will be despatched as above, on SATURDAY, the 7th April, at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon and Cabin are situated forward of the engines. Second Class Passengers are Berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating chamber ensures the supply of fresh provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1888. [341]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN,"

Captain T. S. Gardner, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1888. [339]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "JAPAN" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 1st April, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 30th instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1888. [340]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "GLAMORGANSHIRE" FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 1st proximo, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 1st proximo, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1888. [323]

NOTIFICATION.

ON FRIDAY NEXT, the 30th instant, being GOOD FRIDAY, this OFFICE and the OPium EXAMINATION HULK will be CLOSED to the transaction of all Business; but work at the Customs Stations will proceed as usual.

F. A. MORGAN, Commissioner of Customs.
Kowloon, 26th March, 1888. [342]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that if the sums hereinafter mentioned are not CLAIMED within one year from this date, they will be transferred to the GENERAL REVENUE of this Colony.

In the matter of the TRUST ESTATE of DEW & Co.
1.—Balance due to ALEXANDER COWIE, Master of the ship or vessel *Aurora* \$5,879.65

2.—Balance due to HENRY MANN, Master of the ship or vessel *Waterwitch* 78.15

3.—Balance due to J. COWIE 469.19

In the matter of JACKY alias THOMAS JOHN ROWLAND, amount to credit of this account 2,281.57

EDW. J. ACKROYD, Registrar.
Supreme Court, Hongkong, 17th March, 1888. [328]

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